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Among his notable achievements, in addition to his being a successful electrical manufacturer, he rescued a man from the erupting volcano Kilauea in Hawaii, barely escaped death from trampling by an enraged elephant in Ceylon, captured a baby baboon in Algeria, and was severely injured by enraged members of the tribe, flew with Bleriot, first to fly across the English Channel, on an altitude flight, was instrumental in forming the present Chinese Republic, and lighted Michael Angelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican in Rome."

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